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# The Bishop's Page

My dear people:

There are many signs that we are again entering an age of intolerance, when few will be ready to allow their neighbors to differ from them.

In one sense, this is a good sign. Some people had grown tolerant of all beliefs because they had no real belief of their own. It is easy enough to be friendly to Mohammedans or Buddhists (provided they keep their distance) if your own Christian faith is too feeble to be real. It is easy to say "We are all going the same way" if you are not sure just where your own Church is going. Insofar as the growing intolerance marks a deepening conviction about religion, we can only thank God for it.

But we have to ask ourselves these questions: Does a burning faith demand intolerance? Can a Christian be faithful to his Lord without charity?

In one of the Quiet Days held for the clergy of our diocese, Principal (now Bishop) Dean remarked on St. Paul's phrase, "Speaking the truth in love." "It is possible," he said, "to speak the truth, and it is possible to speak in love, but to speak the truth in love is not easy." Yet in Christ we can and must. As we face other Christian Communions, and as we face the disastrous lie of Communism we must speak the truth, but our words must be truly charitable.

The world's greatest need is love, and clearly the world is trying to solve its problems without being ready to love. Surely our Christian task is to show that all the divisions that separate mankind can be broken down by the power of Christian good will.

But mark what that means. It means that the battle between the sexes, between generation and generation, between class and class, between race and race, between church and church, between person and person, will for the Christian become a creative and loving controversy in Christ. It means that we dare not allow ourselves the luxury of intruding our self-will, hurt feelings, or prickly pride into Church affairs.



One thing that renders me heart-sick more than anything else in Church life is bitterness and strife in the life of a parish or a church organization. How can we claim to hold the answer to the world's problems if we cannot show Christ's love in our own problems?

It is said that St. John, in his old age, preached only one thing over and over: "Little children, love one another." What more could an old apostle—or a fairly new bishop—say in Christ's name to his people?

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## EDITORIAL

This issue of the Edmonton Churchman will convince readers who are not convinced already, that the Anglican Church in our Diocese is active and alive to its responsibilities. Anglican "growing pains" may be caused by such schemes as that written up in "Diocesan News," but growing pains are much more bearable than rigor mortis.

Many people have been involved in the growing pains of the Diocese on committees which must number in the hundreds if all were counted, each of which has been trying in its own sphere to further the work of Christ and His Church. Thus we speak an editorial blessing on the status quo.

While we have been making headway with our various concerns and challenges on the local and diocesan levels, other Anglicans in other places have been accomplishing other things. We draw your attention particularly to the Diocese of Huron and a recently formed group called the "Brotherhood of Anglican Churchmen." Formed in 1951, the "B.A.C." is strictly a laymens body, which started with a driving impetus that has gathered momentum over the last six years.

Branches and Chapters of the B.A.C. are now to be found in ever growing numbers in the eastern Dioceses and a very active B.A.C. has been making its presence felt in the affairs of the home of the Calgary Stampeters.

The success of the B.A.C. is partly due to the way in which it has been organized. Its leadership and membership comes entirely from the laymen of the Church working under the Bishop. It is so constituted that it is not just another organization for men designed to compete with local organizations at the parish level. Its policy is not "absorption" but "affiliation." It is therefore possible for men's groups which now exist to become affiliated with the B.A.C. without going out of existence themselves. Such affiliation is certainly beneficial, for it provides for fellowship between Anglican men at the local, the Deanery and the Diocesan levels. And there is no doubt, from the literature and spirit of the B.A.C., that the movement is aiming at national status.

The basis of membership is informative. It consists in subscribing to the "aims and objectives" of the B.A.C. And these are:

1. To show by a living **EXAMPLE** our belief in our **FAITH**.
2. To **UNITE** in a common effort Anglican Churchmen throughout the Diocese, by encouraging an appreciation and loyalty towards the **WHOLE CHURCH**.
3. To pledge ourselves to regular Church **ATTENDANCE** and to active **PARTICIPATION** in the life and work of the Church.
4. To aid and encourage all the **YOUTH** of our Church to play their full part in the Church's life.
5. To render all possible assistance to **CHURCH EXTENSION** by bringing the cross of Christ crucified to unchurched hearts and places.

Now these aims and objects are neither new nor original. They are, rather, the aims and objects of every conscientious Anglican. But what is new is the fact that they have become the basis of an active and growing fellowship of men whose concern and vision is not only for the welfare of the parish but of the Diocese and the Church as a whole, organized first on a diocesan level by laymen from many parishes and then at the local level by affiliation.

Literature on the B.A.C. is readily available. Helpful and encouraging correspondence may be received from B.A.C. leaders in the east or in Calgary.

Local chapters and Diocesan Chapters of the B.A.C. take on specific works of their own choosing. In Huron the B.A.C. made its debut some years ago by looking after the General Synod. In Calgary it is the B.A.C. which has been responsible for "The Sower," Calgary's recently formed counterpart to the "Edmonton Churchman."

It is rumoured that the Laymen's Dinner this year may be hearing about the B.A.C. from a lay speaker, (for a change). It would be well for the men in the Parishes of the Diocese to think about the matter of forming a Diocesan Brotherhood and use the dinner as a golden opportunity.



## NEWS FOR YOUTH



### G. A. Badges

What hadges have you been working on in your G.A. during the past few months? Right now, most groups are busy with their mission study, and several girls will soon be preparing to try for their mission study badge. Do you know how many badges there are in the Girls' Auxiliary, and what they are?

First of all, there is the mission study badge, which is of course based on the G.A.'s mission study for the year. This year it is concerned with the history of our own diocese of Edmonton. The mission badge is a blue cross on the navy background, while the Dorcas is a gold-coloured cross. For the dorcas, you must know something about the Dorcas work of the W.A. and must make some article for this work.

The home nursing (red), handicraft (orange), and Bible Study (white) all explain themselves by their titles. Social service is a green hadge, and for this you must learn something of the work of various welfare groups, both in the Church and in the community, and if possible visit a welfare centre or have a social worker visit your group, as well as voluntarily helping with European relief for instance, or perhaps entertaining patients in your local hospital. Then there is the churchmanship badge, for which you must know something about the services of our Church, her organization, her seasons, and so on.

These above badges, you may have noticed, are all concerned with Church and service. Besides these seven hadges, there are five skill and knowledge badges—the cooking, music, drama, and physical fitness badges (the physical fitness badges are involved with sports and dances, not with lifting dumbbells!), and the campcraft, which you may win at camp.

After you win your badge in any subject, you may want to go on the next year and win your chevron. In mission study and dorcas, there are stars as well as badges and chevrons; these stars are given for special service and interest after the badge and chevron have been won, for these are the two subjects



Miss Norie Soules

which the group works on every year, regardless of what other badges they may decide to try.

### J. A. Stripes and Badges

Juniors have badges too, but they also have stripes. The five stripes are concerned with a knowledge of Junior Auxiliary, and of the missionary work of our Church. Games like 'Put it in the Rickshaw', which the Juniors learn for their fifth stripe, make the children of both lands seem much nearer.

Older Juniors may work for the J. A. Badges—churchmanship, which is con-

cerned with the Church's symbols, seasons, and architecture; missionary, which is a study of the work of the Church in missionary areas both in our own country and overseas; dorcas, which requires that each girl sew and knit articles for bales, and make a scrapbook for a hospital gift. Then there are two other practical badges—first aid, and nature study. Finally when the Junior is promoted to G. A., she receives her promotion hadge, which is the first one she will wear on her G. A. uniform.

### News From the Branches

Several of the city Junior groups have seen the mission study filmstrip in the last month. The strip is entitled 'Elena of the Philippines', and is intended to give Juniors a clearer picture of life in the Philippine Islands, which they are studying this year.



Florence Goddard, president and Barbara Flagler, Secretary of the Wainwright J.A.

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## DIOCESAN NEWS



### LARGE FUNDS REQUIRED IN THE DIOCESE FOR "UNAVOIDABLE" EXPENSES

An announcement from the Synod Office has pointed the attention of the Executive Committee to certain large expenses which should face the diocese in the next few years.

The estimate of future needs and expenses is of greatest importance for it gives a full and realistic picture of the challenges which face the Church and an idea of what they will cost.

The estimate points to certain expenses which are deemed unavoidable.

#### Necessary Expenses:

Deemed unavoidable are such expenses as follows:—

- (1) The Diocese must work for self-support. It is estimated that this will require about \$45,000 over the next three years. At the moment the Diocese of Edmonton is drawing considerable assistance from the M.S.C.C. and using up funds which are urgently needed in missionary areas.
- (2) "We are faced with the problem of cars for the rural clergy" said the Bishop. "Right now, depreciation and repairs are running to about \$700 per year for the Rural Parson. And this is an impossible drain on the stipend that he receives."

A plan to subsidize the clergyman on his car expenses is now being worked out. It is expected to cost approximately \$60,000 in the next three years. "It is either this", said the Bishop, "or something like an additional \$5,000 per year on the Budget in perpetuity."

- (3) Church Extension. In the past years the Synod has been able to assist new parishes, (and old parishes), in capital expenditures by making loans from funds which were carefully guarded by Archdeacon Tackaberry. But these funds have finally been used up. The only funds which the Diocese has left are those which are held in trust and cannot be used for purposes other than those specified. This has happened at a time when the opportunities for Church extensions are greater than ever before. Immediate responsibilities are evident in such places as, Hinton, Drayton Valley, Campbelltown, and Jasper Place. Funds are urgently needed to assist these and other points make a beginning. It is expected that the Diocese will need at least \$85,000 and possibly \$160,000, if it is to move ahead.

There are other fields of responsibility where the diocese ought to act. One of these concerns education. Some 50 years ago when the Diocese was founded it was intended that an Anglican College be built on the University Campus. "The day is near when we shall have to decide if we are going to do something about that or shelve, for good, this prolonged hope of the Diocese of Edmonton."

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### The Goals are Possible

What gives particular importance to the consideration of the Bishop and the Executive Committee is the fact that it is possible to raise the money required and to meet the challenges. In other words, to the question, "Can we accomplish all this?" the answer is words, to the question, "Can we accomplish all this?" the answer could be, "Yes"!

### Algoma Case

The Diocese of Algoma, in Ontario's sparsely populated north is a case in point. An assisted Diocese like Edmonton and faced with pressing challenges in Church Extension the Diocese of Algoma sought to raise about \$130,000, less than the minimum needed. A Wells Organization Director was called in to make a survey of the situation. The results are best described in a recent letter from Archbishop Wright, the Bishop of Algoma.

### Hopes

"Our early thinking was that a capital sum of in the region of \$130,000, was the maximum sum to which we might aspire. As the preliminary survey neared completion, we were able to perceive that this figure was too low and we set our goal at a figure of \$260,000. Upon the arrival of our Wells Director our sights were raised and we set our final goal at \$500,000.

### Accomplishments

"I am happy to say that this figure has been surpassed and we hold in pledges for our Church extension Fund the sum of \$530,050 with the excellent prospects of a further \$70,000.

"Perhaps the prime factor which convinced us of the value of a Wells canvass was the fact that directly through the raising of this sum for Diocesan Purposes, each local Church could itself benefit financially through the higher giving levels achieved by the congregations, and this was certainly proved to be true.

### The Local Churches Benefitted

"Local Church building funds have been increased to the total sum of \$234,000 with an additional estimated \$76,500 still to be received.

"There is a liquidation of parish Debt amounting to \$50,000 which figure we estimate will finally amount to \$72,000.

"In addition to these, budget giving level in Churches has increased in an extraordinary manner. It is estimated that by the time of conclusion of canvasses at present in operation, this figure will show a net increase over the next three years of \$239,000."

Archbishop Wright points to several results of the Diocesan Effort. Algoma Diocese is no longer assisted by the rest of the Canadian Church. It now stands as a self-supporting Diocese. The Campaign showed evidences of effective Evangelism. Congregations have increased tremendously and "a fresh spirit of goodwill and sacrificial giving have been in evidence on all sides." The total sum pledged to the work of the Church over the next three years now stands in Algoma at \$1,221,550.00

The Wells Organization has presented a similar plan to the Bishop and Executive Committee of our Diocese. It is one in which each parish is asked to take part. It is expected that the Executive Committee will be consulting with representatives from all parishes to request their support and assistance in reaching the goals which face the Diocese.

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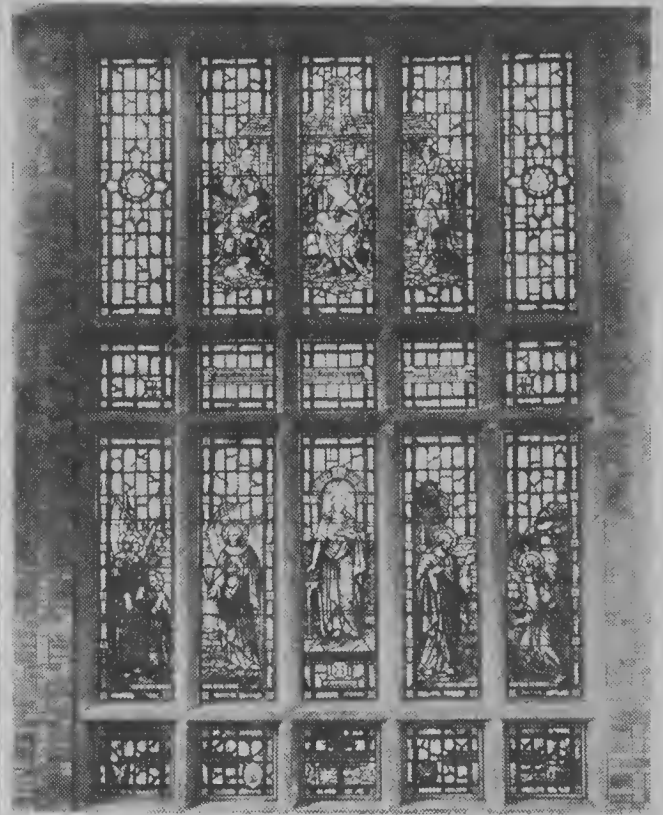


The Chancel and East end of the new St. Faith's Church dedicated by the Bishop on The Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul.





The upper light, the familiar depiction of Christ standing at the door knocking, is inscribed: "I am the light of the world." The lower center light shows Jesus in the temple "about His Father's business." On the left is Christ, the Good Shepherd, and on the right Our Lord's temptation in the garden of Gethsemane. The smaller lights state the memorials.



From left to right the windows show — The Nativity with shepherds and the Holy Family and below (from left to right) Christ calling Simon and Andrew; Martha (centre); on the right the Risen Lord Appears to Mary Magdalene Easter Morning.

## The Community Call to Prayer

### Lenten Noonday Services

#### PREACHERS

March 6 - 8—

Bishop Clark

March 11 - 15—

The Rev. A. M. Trendall D.D.,  
(St. John's Shaughnessy, Vancouver)

March 18 - 22—

The Rev. William J. Robinson  
(St. John the Evangelist, Ottawa)

March 25 - 29—

The Rev. George D. Kelly, B.A., L.Th.  
(Holy Trinity, Winnipeg)

April 1 - 12—

The Rev. F. R. Gartrell B.A., B.D.  
(St. George's, Winnipeg)

April 8 - 12—

Canon F. J. Nicholson  
(St. Michael and All Angels, Toronto)

April 15 - 19—

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(Cathedral Church of the Redeemer, Calgary)



# Woman's Auxiliary



## W. A. PRAYER:

The Love of Christ constraineth us— II Cor. 5: 14.

*Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, who didst send Thy blessed Son into the world to become the Saviour of Mankind: Grant to us in the Woman's Auxiliary a deep sense of gratitude for Thy grace and mercy towards us; Enable us by Thy Spirit to reveal Thy love in prayer and work and stewardship, so that Thy salvation may become known to all peoples, and Thy name glorified throughout all the earth: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## FORTY-THIRD ANNUAL MEETING

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February 26, 27, 28, 1957.

### Order of Proceedings

Theme of the Annual: "Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering"

—Hebrews 10 - 23.

Tuesday, February 26th.

All Saints' Cathedral

10:00 a.m.—

Service of reception for Life Members.

Annual Corporate Communion.

Celebrant: The Right Reverend H. H. Clarke, B.A., D.D.

Preacher: The Right Reverend C. R. Calvert, B.A., D.D.

Presentation of Diocesan Thank-Offering.

12:00 noon—

Luncheon at the Corona Hotel.

Welcome: Mrs. W. J. Dick, St. Philip's W.A., Edmonton.

Reply: Mrs. W. H. Freebury, Tofield Evening W.A.

2:30 p.m.—

All Saints' Parish Hall

First Session Annual Meeting:—

Hymn, Opening Prayers, The Dean of Edmonton.

Greetings to delegates: Mrs. E. H. Stutchbury, All Saints' W.A.

Greetings, Announcements.

Review of the year:

Recording and Corresponding Secretaries

Educational, Sunday School by Post Secretaries.

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E.C.D., Thank-Offering Secretaries.

ADDRESS: THE PRESIDENT

Report Convener of Nominations

7:30 p.m.—

Hymn, Prayers.

8:00 p.m.—

THE BISHOP'S HOUR

## Mothers' Union

One of the sessions at the Dominion Conference of Mothers' Union was devoted to a panel discussion on "What is wrong with modern marriage?" Some of the view points expressed there will bear consideration.

One of the chief factors in the breakdown of many marriages is that there is inadequate preparation for it. Children should be taught from Confirmation and Bible class days that marriage is sacred and permanent in the eyes of the Church—a life long contract. Marriage is a sacrament; people come of their own free will and "marry themselves before God."

Emphasis should be laid on the third reason given for marriage in the Prayer Book when giving preparation—"for the mutual society, help and comfort that the one ought to have of the other, in both prosperity and adversity." "Glamour" may wear off, but true companionship lasts, and grows into a deeper love.

Marriage is for adult minds as well as for those of adult years. So many children in these days have no sense of responsibility in youth and teens, and carry that selfish attitude into marriage, resulting sometimes in common law marriage.

In marriage there should be the ability to talk things through. This applies especially in little things which build up into a big wall between couples. If kept within and brooded upon, it is all apt to break through in a big flood of recrimination.

Planned use of income should be part of the training for marriage. Plunging too deeply into "buying on time" and worrying about ability to meet payments can cause tenseness between young couples. Discussion and calculation beforehand, should be a "must" in these things.

Bertha M. Crook,

Diocesan Rep. Mothers' Union

9:00 p.m.—

Report delegate to Dominion Annual  
Adjournment.

All Saints' Parish Hall  
Wednesday, February 27th.

9:00 a.m.—

Educational Conference:

All presidents and delegates are expected to attend this conference.  
Any others interested will be welcome.

10:00 a.m.—

Hymn, Prayers,  
Roll Call, Minutes,  
Greetings, Announcements  
**Review of the year:**

Treasurer

Deanery W.A. reports; Wetaskiwin, Penhina  
Doras Secretary  
Deanery W.A. reports; Wainwright, Vermilion  
Social Service Secretary  
Missionary News

12:00 noon—

All Saints' Cathedral

Hymn, Prayers, Address; The Reverend W. A. Jacob, St. Barnabas, Edmonton

12:30 p.m.—

Luncheon

12:30 p.m.—

**Youth Conferences:**

G.A. — Room A.  
J.A. — Main Hall.  
Little Helpers' — Room B.

2:00 p.m.—

Hymn, Prayers  
Announcements, Question Box  
**Review of the year:**  
Service of Youth;  
Little Helpers', J.A. Secretaries  
G. A. Secretary, Youth Supervisor  
**ADDRESS: "SOCIAL SERVICE"—Mrs. A. J. Norquay, M.A.**

3:00 p.m.—

Life Members' Hour  
Closing of Ballot Box

7:30 p.m.—

All Saints' Hall  
Social Evening

All Saints' Parish Hall  
Thursday, February 28th.

9:00 a.m.—

Celebration Holy Communion, All Saints' Cathedral  
Celebrant: The Very Reverend Gerald Burch, B.A.,

9:30 a.m.—

Hymn, Prayers  
Roll Call, Minutes, Correspondence  
Announcement of Officers for 1957 - 1958.  
**Review of the year:**  
Consideration Dominion and Diocesan Pledges  
Life Members' Secretary  
Voting of Funds; Diocesan Thank-Offering, E.C.D., Collections.  
Reports of Standing Committees;  
Hospital Visiting, Book of Remembrance  
Programme, Press and Publication  
Missionary News

## Thank-Offering

The Diocesan Thank-Offering (June to December) Should be brought to the Diocesan Annual for presentation at the opening service. If, however, a delegate is unable to attend the Annual then please send it direct to the Thank-Offering Secretary, Mrs. L. M. Roberts, 10058 - 91st Avenue. Do not forget to add exchange to cheques.

## Special Notice

Women's World Day of Prayer March 8, 1957. (First Friday in Lent.) 3 - 4 p.m. McDougall United Church, one united rally under the direction of Major Ross, Salvation Army. All Anglican women are requested to attend.

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### Priests

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"Our thanks to the Canadian Church for making possible the visit of Mr. and Mrs. Parkash Samuels to Canada. They have benefitted very richly from their experiences and are now sharing them with their colleagues."

12:00 noon—

All Saints' Cathedral

Hymn, Prayers, Address; The Reverend Brian Brown, Clondonald

12:30 p.m.—

Luncheon

Meeting of new executive committee to appoint honorary officers — Room A.

2:00 p.m.—

Hymn, Prayers

Question Box

Report Credentials Committee

Unfinished and new business

Election of delegate to Dominion Annual

Resolutions of Thanks

ADDRESS:

Closing Devotions; — The Dean of Edmonton

Afternoon Tea

## BROADCASTING

## February

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THE CHRISTIAN LIFE ACCORDING  
TO THE PRAYER BOOKBy The Rt. Rev. H. H. Clark  
(C. B. R. E. Toronto)

The Canadian Lenten Book for 1957 has been written by our own Bishop. Those who have become accustomed to Bishop Clark's clear and lucid exposition and vivid illustration will not be disappointed here. In a sense, the book is written in answer to a question. — the apparent absence, normally, of a strong conversion experience that is often a criticism of Anglicanism both from within and without. The Bishop shows that the fault does not lie with Prayer Book life and worship but rather the failure to use in its fullest, the Prayer Book 'Way of Life.' This Way calls for strong self discipline and perseverance in the rightful use of the Church's sacraments and means of grace — the constant and regular return through the Church Year to the revelation of God in Holy Scripture — and the Common Prayer of the People of God, whose purpose is not selfish and self centred, but intended to raise us upward to Christ in praise, thanksgiving and intercession. There is a completeness to the Prayer Book, meeting and sanctifying our daily life and work and marking the great occasions of joy and sorrow, of opportunity or necessity from birth even to death. So may the People of God grow in grace and in the knowledge of God, as they grow in years. Only if sincerity, humility and love are lacking can the Prayer Book and its Way prove formal and ineffective in the essential conversion and salvation of man.

The book is written for the laity and it is to be hoped that as many as possible will read, mark and learn and enter into the life of Christ's Church with a more intelligent and informed faith and with greater devotion to Christ. The title is perhaps not as

catching as it should be for this book, and the Chapter forwards taken from F. D. Maurice may well prove difficult for the laity—but they are only forwards and in no way effect the simple clear writing of the Bishop.



The Right Reverend Anthony Lewis Elliott Williams was recently enthroned as the Lord Bishop of Bermuda. The service was held in The Cathedral Church of The Most Holy Trinity, Bermuda. The Most Reverend Walter Foster Barfoot, Primate of The Anglican Church of Canada attended the service as a representative of the Canadian Church, the closest Commonwealth Country to the Diocese of Bermuda.

Shown above, left to right, is Archbishop Barfoot, Bishop Williams and the Venerable John Stow, Archdeacon of Bermuda.

## Rural Deanery of Edmonton

### ST. FAITH'S

The Rev. L. M. Watts.

It was with regret, at Morning Service December 2nd, that the congregation heard Mr. Watts announce his decision to leave the parish of St. Faith's and take up a new charge at the Pro-Cathedral in Kenora, Ontario. While we are sorry to say goodbye to Mr. Watts and his family, we do wish them God speed and the very best in their new parish. Possibly we can persuade them to take a vacation in Edmonton one of these years.

We moved into our new church December 16th. The building was far from finished, but it was wonderful to have a dream of long standing finally fulfilled. At the first service, Debra Elaine Cleveley was baptised. It seemed so fitting that a baby should be baptised into the Christian family at the birth of a new church. Debbie is the great-granddaughter of Mr. H. T. S. Parlee, a former Rector's Warden and the granddaughter of the present Rector's Warden, Mr. J. Cleveley.

The Carol Services were held on December 23rd, the singing of the beautiful old carols was enjoyed, especially by the small boy who sat next to us and joined in most lustily. The choir and organist are to be congratulated on the quality of the Christmas music, for they have been practising under great difficulties. The organist especially, has been having her troubles, (possibly we should not tell this story) but one Sunday morning recently her P.A. system picked up the broadcast of two "ham" operators who were on the air all during service. They were having a hilarious time, but not our Organist, who was afraid that here impromptu program would be heard throughout the church.

The first wedding in the Church took place the morning of December 29th, when Peter Lloyd Cuff of St. Mary's parish and Victoria Beatrice Whyte of St. Faith's were married by Mr. Watts. Tory is an ardent worker in all departments of the church, and we all thought it so fitting that her wedding should head the list of the many more that through the years will take place in the new building.

The Junior and Senior Choirs have been very busy. Early in December the Juniors sang their Christmas Anthem at Delton School. On December 21, the Junior and Senior Choirs led a carol service at the Lauderdale school and the Senior Choir held their annual party the evening of January 10.

The Afternoon W. A. held their annual Christmas party on December 12, and the Sunday School parties were held the afternoon and evening of December 19.

The Junior Auxiliary held a Church parade early in December at which time stripes and badges were presented and

new members admitted to the organization.

The G. A. members did their good deed for the month by addressing all the Envelope Boxes for the Envelope Secretary.

The Evening Group W. A. climaxed their year's work by a most successful "Winter Wonderland Bazaar." Customers came from all over town and for a time it looked like Jasper Avenue at a Grey Cup parade.

Baptisms: Debra Elaine Cleveley, Paul Charles Edward Lambert, Hazel Barbara Love, Sherry Russell, Richard Charles Sutton.

Marrages: Peter Lloyd Cuff and Victoria Beatrice Whyte, Donald Stuart Mowbray Farquharson and Muriel Frances Stuckey, James Allen Grant Ross and Judith Lynn Marsden, August Dzioba and Myria Lloy McKinnon, David Hugh Trecothick Barton and Treva Beatrice McPherson.

Burials: John Richard Jordan.

### ST. PAUL'S

The Rev. F. E. Smith

After a very joyous and happy but busy Christmas season St. Paul's are still working on becoming the biggest and friendliest church of the west end.

The two W.A.s and Altar Guild combined to have a wonderful Christmas bazaar and tea to start activities of the season. This was followed by two Christmas parties and a sleigh ride for the children of the Sunday School. The parish hall was open almost 24 hours a day to get in all activities.

But the big news and happy feeling now for the boys and girls now is TV. Yes, its "Did you see me on T.V." or "Boy, didn't our Sunday School do a marvelous job of the pageant on the Saturday afternoon T.V. program." Jack Benbow, Sunday School Superintendent, Sunday School teachers, Choir and many parishioners, are to be thanked and praised for such a marvellous presentation, both on TV program and church presentation of the Christmas Tableau. Also many thanks to the boys and girls who spent so many hours practising and making St. Paul's so very proud of them.

The start of the new year will begin with the Annual Congregational Meeting to be held in the parish January 23. So please show up, that we, as a parish, can and will take our full load on our shoulders and come up smiling.

The Men's Club have been very busy with repairs and work bees around the church but they still have their meetings every first Tuesday in the month. So all you men that have not taken part, let's join in on the first Tuesday in February.

The Afternoon Branch of the W. A. have held their Annual Meeting on January 9 and with Rev. F. E. Smith

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presiding the following officers were elected: Honorary President, Mrs. F. E. Smith; President, Mrs. C. A. Lauden; First Vice-President, Mrs. C. Hawkins; Second Vice-President, Mrs. W. H. Edwards; Secretary, Mrs. J. M. Verge; Treasurer, Mrs. H. Ambrose.

The first undertaking for the new officers is a St. Valentine's Whist to be held in the parish hall, February 12. So leave your TV and come out and enjoy an evening of fun and friendship.

Baptisms: Maury Thirlwell, Brian Gray and Katherine Balogh, David Sharuga.

Weddings: Garfield Wheeler and Shirley Fox, James MacGregor and Barbara Dawson, Donald Pyska and Darlene Cox, Alex Derkock and Winnifred Fox, David Scheer and Faye Huxley, Glen Charge and Elizabeth Styran.

Despite a rather cool evening a goodly number of people gathered in the parish hall on Wednesday, January 23 for the Annual Parish Meeting. The most noticeable thing about the meeting was the happy atmosphere which prevailed throughout the meeting. The Rector in his report on the condition of the parish in general remarked that owing to the warm welcome which the church members give to strangers and newcomers the congregation increased last year by twenty-five hundred people over the aggregate attendance for the previous year. The Sunday School report showed that there are now three hundred and four children registered in the two Sunday Schools. This report also mentioned that accommodation is a very real problem; despite the fact that classes are held in every available room, it is evident that new class rooms must be added in the near future. With this in mind a resolution was passed by the meeting, asking that a committee be appointed to consider the erection of a new parish hall at the earliest date possible. The matter of teachers was also mentioned. At present we have twenty-two teachers, but more must be found in order to decrease the size of the classes. Our greatest need at the moment is for at least three more men teachers and for ladies who will act as substitutes.

The officers elected for the year were as follows: Rector's Warden, Mr. H. Newby, People's Warden, M. G. New; Vestry, H. Ambrose, J. Montgomery, W. E. Frame, K. J. Slater, W. Bissel, E. Cruickshank, H. R. Slater, C. Karren, C. M. New, J. M. Verge, L. R. Kvittum, L. M. Grogg, and H. P. Brown. Lay Delegates to Synod are as follows: W. E. Frame, H. Ambrose, C. M. New, H. P. Brown, Sub. W. Bissel and J. Montgomery.

#### ST. LUKE'S

Canon A. Wallis

There is a saying, "There is not anything that folds up so finally as Christmas" for with the taking down of the tree, the lights and decorations, the home seems empty for a while, but Christmas in the true spirit is not final.

You remember the Christmas and Carol Services held through the Festive Season. Canon Wallis and the Choir of St. Luke's remember the joy they had in giving a Carol Service at the Good Samaritan Home on the Sunday afternoon before Christmas. The children of the Sunday School (they packed St. Luke's Hall to capacity) will remember the Nativity Scenes and the visit from Santa Claus at their Sunday School party, which was such a huge success.

The month of January heralds Parochial Meetings and the never failing cold weather, but the good hot cup of coffee served by the Evening Group of St. Luke's W. A. helped "thaw out" the large number in attendance at St. Luke's Annual Meeting on Monday, January 14. All the organization reports were previously mimeographed and each one concerned submitted their report for adoption — Building Committee, Jack Manson; Afternoon Branch W. A., Mrs. Ruth Whittingback; Evening Branch W. A., Mrs. Joan Manson; Junior Auxiliary, Mrs. D. Murray; Girls' Auxiliary, Mrs. Joan Shirlaw; Little Helpers, Mrs. Mary Johnston; Junior Boys' Club, Jim Shirlaw; Sanctuary Guild, Mrs. Joyce Coulson; Sunday School, Mrs. Joan Manson; Choir, Miss Emma Ashmore; Men's Club, Les Henderson and A.Y.P.A., Ron Mattison. Each organization showed an active year in the work of the Church through 1956 and all are to be commended on their accomplishments, particularly the Canvass and Building Committees.

The following were elected to office for 1957: People's Warden, Robert Hartley; Members of the Vestry, Messrs. J. J. Curran, William North, C. Jenkins, William Miller, Dr. R. McClung, Jack Manson (Chairman, Building Committee), John Beatty (Chairman Canvass Committee) William Riddle, William Gillespie, Miss Helen Verdin, Miss Helen Henderson and Mrs. N. Coghill.

Elected to Synod: Mr. George Whittingback, Dr. R. McClung and Mr. Walter Miller, with Messrs W. Campbell, S. Shatord, J. Beatty and W. Gillespie as substitutes. Mr. George Whittingback will again assist Canon Wallis as Rector's Warden.

It is wonderful to see the rising trend in our Building Fund and we do hope to see results on the new Church site as soon as the frost is out of the ground.

The ladies of the W. A. Groups served and sold all kinds of good food in the Market on Saturday, January 12. The money raised on most of these affairs has been put into a fund for furnishings for the new Church by each Branch.

The A.Y.P.A. will hold another in their series of Whist Drives in the Parish Hall on Tuesday, January 15 at 8 p.m. This one will be a "Peaches and Cream" affair. They had a "Bacon and Eggs" affair recently. Here's a thought—how about "Pork and Beans."

At the Choral Communion Service, Sunday, January 20, Canon Wallis will

give the third in his series of addresses on Worship, this one entitled "Sacrificial Worship."

The Men's Club held their meeting on January 9 and planned a programme for the coming year.

The sympathy of the Parish is extended to Mr. and Mrs. R. Gale and their family in the tragic loss of their son Ronald.

Baptisms: December 30, Murray James Shaw; January 13, Cordon Douglas Beatty.

Burials: January 9, Janet MacQuarrie; January 10, Ronald Edwin Calc.

#### ST. MARK'S

111 Street - 108 Avenue

The Rev. C. Wilson

The Lord Bishop of Edmonton visited our Parish on Sunday, January 13. His coming had been looked forward to as it had been quite some time since the Parish had been honored by a visit by his Lordship.

All the Parish send out their heartfelt sympathy to Mrs. H. Bromley, Mr. and Mrs. N. Hughes and Norman May in their great loss of a wonderful husband, father and grandfather. Mr. Bromley had spent many years as the Superintendent of the Sunday School, where he was a good friend to all the children, Vestry duties and other organizations in the church.

The Annual Parish Supper will be held in the Hall on Tuesday, January 29, when the Annual Meeting and Social Evening will be held.

If anyone in the Parish is considering being confirmed, please contact the Reverend Wilson as classes both for adults and juniors will commence shortly.

Both groups of the Women's Auxiliaries will convene the Annual Supper.

The Evening Group at the first meeting of the New Year held at the home of Mrs. G. Wilson, held their election of officers as follows:

Honorary President, Mrs. G. W. Wilson; President, Mrs. L. Green; Vice-President, Mrs. R. Palmer; Treasurer, Mrs. A. Bull; Secretary, Mrs. R. Peel; Dorcas, Mrs. E. Skogg; Little Helpers, Mrs. J. Taylor; Educational, Mrs. L. Westgate; Bazaar Convenor, Mrs. N. Hughes.

The meetings of this group, please notice, have been changed to the first and third Thursday evenings of each month.

The Sunday School staff are planning a skating party for the children in the near future.

With the New Year under way, the Junior Auxiliary are beginning new projects for Dominion Competition. Also, plans are being made for participation in the Diocesan Junior Festival in the spring.

The Annual Meeting of the Parish was held in the hall on the evening of Tuesday, January 29. It was very gratifying

to see such a large attendance present, which has been the best to date for many a year. The Reverend E. Fowler opened with the Lord's Prayer and a Prayer for the work in the Parish, and assisted the Rector during the meeting.

Mr. J. Keymer, the people's warden, thanked everyone present for helping to make the past year so successful and to all organizations for their faithful and untiring work during the year.

The Rector's seventh annual report was one of satisfaction and pleasure showing the most adventurous year since his coming to the parish. Evangelism was one of the new fields of service that had born fruit, bringing in more adults for Baptisms and Confirmation. The parish visitation had brought the Church's people closer together than they have ever been and that co-operation between all the groups and the people of the Parish had been the result of such an outstanding year, making it a Family Unity in Christ.

The Treasurer, Mr. L. Green, thanked all the Parishoners for their contributions during the year, which had been a very gratifying year for his department. Mr. Green explained how the new envelope system was to be used. The Building Loan Fund report by Mr. T. N. Hughes, showed that the loan is steadily being paid off but it must be noted that the interest on the loan had gone up twice in the past year. Mr. F. Evans, chairman of the Every Member Canvass Committee reported a successful year as far as the canvassers were concerned, with the help of approximately eighteen men of the parish and the wonderful help and experience from Canon Teape.

The Afternoon, Evening and Junior Auxiliaries all reported a very good year in their groups, with the Women's Groups donating to both the Parish and Building Funds.

The Superintendent of the Sunday School, Mr. C. Woolverton, reported a very good year and that he had a very good staff of teachers who attended regularly and willingly each week. The Choir had a good year, showing an increase in members under the capable direction of Miss Shirley Green.

The Cubs, Scouts and the Mothers Group to the Packs reported all had a very good year and a lot had been accomplished.

Reverend G. Wilson reported he had appointed Mr. A. Ripley to act as his Warden for the coming term. Mr. J. Keymer was re-elected as People's Warden. Delegates to the Synod appointed are: Mr. L. Green, Mr. J. Ross, Mr. D. Griffen, with Mr. F. Evans as substitute.

The Vestry for 1957 are as follows: Mr. J. A. Ross, Mr. L. Green, Mr. F. Evans, Mr. C. Woolverton, Mr. E. Skogg, Mrs. E. Skogg, Mr. S. Howdon, Mr. D. Griffen, Mr. C. Barton, Mr. R. Peel, Mr. N. Hughes, Mrs. N. Hughes, Mr. W. Humphreys, Mr. L. Westgate, Mrs. P. John, Mrs. J. Warry.

Life members on the Vestry are Mrs. W. Fleming and Mr. C. D. Brown.

It was decided by the parishoners to have a parish mission in November.

Mr. D. Griffen was appointed convenor of a men's group that will be formed at an early date. It is hoped something for the young people will be formed in the near future.

The ladies of the Parish were thanked for the buffet supper that preceeded the meeting and also for the refreshments served after the meeting.

Reverend Wilson closed the meeting with Prayer.

## CAMELL HOSPITAL

Archdeacon C. F. A. Clough

Once again on the behalf of the Anglican Patients in the Charles Camell Hospital I would like to say thank you for the many acts of kindness shown throughout the year as well as at Christmas by the women of the various parishes in the city and country.

Throughout the year the parishes of All Saints, St John's, St. Mary's, St. Faith's, St. James' St. Paul's, Leduc, St. Mary's, Vegreville, all either by visits to the patients or by gifts to the patients, have shown their interest for which we thank them.

Mrs. Hester of St. John's, Edmonton and Mrs. Coleman of St. Paul's, with their assistants have Sunday by Sunday been giving religious instruction to the patients, especially the children.

At Easter they conducted an Easter Tableau, depicting the Holy Scene of the Resurrection. At Halow'een they held a party for the children. Then, again at Christmas, they conducted a beautiful Tableau of the Nativity. The children taking part profited by it and the large congregation deeply appreciated it.

We owe much to Mrs. Hester and Mrs. Coleman and to their assistants for their faithful services throughout the year.

At Christmas, starting at 6:30 a.m. Holy Communion was administered to thirty patients in various wards and then again at 8:15 a.m. a service of Holy Communion was held in the beautiful Chapel for those patients able to be brought down from the wards.

The patients are most grateful for the ministrations and also for the kindness shown to them by the visitors.

On their behalf I desire to say Thank You to all who have throughout the year shown interest in them.

## ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST

University Avenue and 109 Street

The Rev. Wm. Sewell

Many happy interesting events have taken place at St. John's during the month of December.

On December 9 it was our pleasure and privilege to welcome, once again, our Bishop, The Right Reverend H. H. Clark. He came to confirm, into the Christian Church, ten adult members of our congregation. Following the service there was an hour of Fellowship in the parish hall.

During our Morning Service on the third Sunday of each month the Rector joins with the children of the primary and kindergarten departments for their Opening Exercises. Well over one hundred little ones between the ages of three and seven years look forward to this "special" visit each month. Laymen are in charge of Morning Prayer until the third hymn when the Rector returns to continue the service.



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The week preceding Christmas, Morning Devotions over C.B.X. were conducted by our own Rector, The Rev. Wm. Sewell.

Of course there was the usual succession of Sunday School parties with programs and treats enjoyed by all.

Laymen assisted with the Carol Service on December 23, which was one of the best we have ever had. Our special thanks goes to Mrs. A. C. Hutchison, our organist and to the Choir whose contribution to our worship at every service was unsurpassed.

Special mention must be made of the Nativity Play which was presented, as is our custom, at the Evening Service before Christmas. This year the play was presented by members of the Rector's Bible Class and members of Mrs. Hutchison's Junior Choir, with two lovely solos by Masters Billy Culver and Donald Fleming.

The sincerity of all the children taking part, made a deep impact on the emotions of the many parents and friends who packed the Church for the Service. We are indeed grateful to the Rev. Sewell who trains a different cast in a different presentation each year.

Christmas Eve Choral Communion Service was attended by a record number of communicants, as were all the services during Christmas week.

Looking back to Christmas makes one realize how joyous was the Holy season within the life of our church. Many organizations and people contributed to our "Joy and Happiness. It is impossible to mention all of them, but it would be remiss not to mention again, Mrs. A. C. Hutchison and the Choirs, the Chancel Guild for their careful and devoted preparations in the Sanctuary, The Men's Club, who decorated our church so beautifully and effectively, the Sunday School teachers and all who took part in and assisted with our Nativity Play.

#### ST. PETER'S

The Rev. C. E. N. Humphreys

The Christmas Services were all well attended. On December 16 the choir rendered carols at the Evening Service and later in the week visited hospitals to sing carols.

On December 14 the Intermediate Department of Sunday School produced a concert prepared by Mrs. E. J. Murphy with the help of the other teachers. The kindergarten department had a similar programme arranged by Mrs. Brownness and the teachers on December 19, and the Senior School had a gathering after Christmas. At all of these events the Ladies Guild kindly provided refreshments.

The children of the Sunday School again observed generously the White Gift Service on Sunday, December 16 and at the Children's Service the following Sunday the Rector dedicated a bookcase given as a memorial by the Sunday

School in grateful memory of the late Ivy Cameron, whose devoted service at St. Peter's Sunday School is remembered. Donations towards books will be gladly received.

On the evening of the Feast of Epiphany, after Evensong, a social gathering was arranged by the Sunday School teachers and ladies Guild for the purpose of giving friends an opportunity of saying farewell to Mr. and Mrs. E. Donnelly, who are soon leaving Canada. Both Mr. and Mrs. Donnelly have done good works at the church and in particular, Mrs. Donnelly has been active, faithfully and ably, in the Sunday School and will be missed very much. Mrs. Donnelly was presented with a travellers' clock to remind her of our appreciation.

The Afternoon Branch of the W. A. held its Annual Meeting on January 7 and from the reports which were read, it was clearly evident that the group had made many useful things during the year and had carried out all the obligations it undertook.

Mrs. C. H. Harris was elected President; Mrs. Meadowell Vice President; Mrs. Ambrose, Treasurer; Mrs. Milner, Secretary; Dorcas, Mrs. Fleisher; Thank Offering, Mrs. Rock; Living Message, Mrs. Bennett; E.C.D., Mrs. Bell; Education, Mrs. Humphreys; Prayer Partners, Mrs. Patrick. Mrs. Tackaberry and Mrs. Humphreys were made Honorary Presidents.

The Rector presided for the election and closed the meeting.

The Secretary of this branch, Mrs. John Milner was recently the recipient of a Life Membership.

Early in December the Men's Club arranged a Social evening for the congregation and a programme was arranged by Mr. W. Harper and Mr. Edgecombe, and at the close a collection was taken and sent to Mr. Harry Shell, a student at the Anglican Theological College in Vancouver.

The Annual Meeting of the Ladies Guild was held on the fifteenth of January and reports outlined the many useful and helpful things accomplished by these workers in 1956.

Mrs. A. Hallhead was elected President succeeding Mrs. A. Want. Mrs. Cairies is Vice President. Secretary, Mrs. Clegg Treasurer, Mrs. Kilpatrick; Parish Council representatives, Mrs. Turner and Mrs. Miller Telephone, Mrs. Waul and Mrs. Clarston, Christmas Cards Mrs. Rouleau.

The Evening Branch of the W.A. held its Annual Meeting on January 11th with Mrs. R. Lancaster presiding. It was reported that all commitments had been met in 1956 including a considerably increased pledge. The Rector spoke briefly and invited Mrs. S. F. Tackaberry to preside for the election of new officers. Mrs. B. Samuel was elected president with Mrs. H. Reeves and Miss W. Ledger as Vice President. The Secretary is Mrs. C. Young and Treasurer Miss Irene Niblett, Educational Secretary, Mrs. Humphreys, Prayer Partners, Mrs. Lan-

caster, Living Message, Mrs. Shephard. Dorcas, Miss Mona Clegg. Social Convenor, Mrs. F. Fisher, Telephone Convenor, Mrs. A. O. Smith, Kitchen Convenor Mrs. R. Davis, Little Helpers Secretary, Mrs. R. S. Fraser, J. A. Leader, Mrs. E. Whiteman. Bazaar Convenor, Mrs. C. E. Harris. Parish Council Members, Mrs. Kirkiadides and Miss E. Clegg.

The Annual Meeting took place on January 28 and was well attended.

Mr. Harold Barnes presented the financial statement for 1956 and this showed that in addition to meeting all other requirement, a new building fund had been established. Mrs. Percy Brown read the Sunday School financial statement and from this report it appeared that an increase in funds coincided with the use of offering envelopes. Reports were received from all groups and branches. The Rector in his report stated he had made record of 476 parish visits and 221 hospital visits. He referred to the new parish boundries, the matter of building and the need of substantial effort now for the future, and finally a parish mission for November 1957.

The Churchwardens for 1957 are Mr. A. Want and Mr. W. Harper. Those elected to the vestry council were:—Mr. L. F. Davis, Life Member. Harold Barnes, Percy Brown, Dr. Leigh Brown, Frank Bntler, Allan DeCoursey, C. E. Harris, Tom Hives, Arthur Irvine, Reg. Lancaster, Ben Samuel, Archie Smith and Charlie Young.

The Lay Delegates to Synod are—A. J. Brown, George Edgecombe, Frank Niblett and Reg. Lancaster with Claude Alstar as alternate.

A letter was sent from the meeting to Archdeacon Tackaberry.

The Men's Annual Meeting was held on January 18th and Arthur Irvine was elected President with Harold Barnes Vice President and George Edgecombe Secretary Treasurer.

#### ST. STEPHEN'S

96th Street and 109th Avenue

The Rev. Canon C. E. F. Wolff

With the Christmas service and activities over, January brings us the season of Annual Meetings of the parish and of various parish groups.

The Altar Guild's officers for 1957 are—President, Mrs. A. C. Ballantine; Vice-President, Mrs. Dennis Byrne; Secretary, Mrs. M. Hirst; Treasurer, Mrs. Watson; and Mrs. Saville will be in charge of sewing.

The Afternoon W.A. held their annual meeting at the home of Mrs. G. N. Speer.

All officers were re-elected. They would be pleased to welcome new members who would like to join them. Meeting are held on the first and third Tuesdays of each month in the parish hall. Members enjoyed a very successful past year.

Mrs. M. Hirst was elected president of the evening branch of the W.A.

Other officers are Treasurer, Mrs. I. Gardiner; Secretary, Mrs. D. Woodhead; Dorcas Secretary, Mrs. P. Gregory; U.T.O. & D.T.O., Mrs. Stan. Rampling. Meetings are held on the second and fourth Tuesdays.

The Annual Meeting of the St. Stephen's Branch of the Guild of Servants of the Sanctuary will be held on the third Sunday in May. The Servers plan a Servers' Festival for that date. We now have eighteen active Servers at St. Stephens and two more boys are now being trained and will be serving in the near future.

The Boys Club meets Friday evenings in the parish hall.

Our Annual Meeting was held on January 29th with 44 parishioners present. The meeting was preceded by an excellent parish dinner served by the ladies of the Altar Guild.

The Rector's report dealt with some of the problems of our parish. There

followed a lengthy discussion re our apportionment for 1957 and the matter was finally referred to the first meeting of the new vestry.

Reports were received from the various parish organizations on their activities for the past year.

Mr. Syd Slater was re-appointed Rector's Warden and Mr. Larry Shelton was elected People's Warden.

Elected to the new vestry were Messrs. Robert W. Allen, George Braginetz, L. D. Byrne, J. G. Clarke, Reg. Duke, Ivor Gardiner, P. Gregory, T. Jones, George Koyich, Stan Rampling, A. C. Russell and J. Watson.

Elected lay delegates to Synod were Messrs. L. D. Byrne, W. Reg. Duke and A. C. Russell. Alternates Messrs. Larry Shelton and Syd Slater.

Mr. J. Watson was elected parish auditor and Mr. T. Jones envelope secretary.

## Rural Deanery of Pembina

### ST. CATHERINE'S, EDSON

The Rev. H. W. Buchner

We rejoiced to worship in our new Church for the Christmas service, its sense of spaciousness lending itself to the ceremony and celebration of the season. Our church was full for the Sung Eucharist held on Christmas eve, the first of the Christmas services. The Carol Service was on the 30th of December when the choir so surpassed itself in performance that we were surprised to see the roof still on the Church. The lessons for this service were read by members of the Vestry, Choir, W.A. and servers. The children of the Sunday School had a Christmas party and after playing games, six of the children read the account of the Nativity from the Bible and sang carols. Santa Claus had also left presents for the children under the tree. The choir and servers also had a party which was held in the vicarage.

Over Christmas, our Vicar took a well earned rest, and disappeared from the Parish and we were delighted to welcome the Rev. H. S. MacDonald who took the services during his absence. He is an old friend of some of the parishioners who knew him when he was here in his student days. Canon Teape, now an old friend, was here also and thus enabling the Vicar to visit the Mission Churches and minister unto them. We greatly appreciate their help and look forward to their visits.

Both W. A. groups held elections for officers, the new executive being: Afternoon Group—President, Mrs. Madge; Vice-President, Mrs. D. Buck; Secretary, Mrs. Ball; Treasurer, Mrs. Dakin; Ed. Secretary, Mrs. Jeffrey.

Evening Group: President, Mrs. T. Hendricks; Vice President, Mrs. Field; Secretary, Mrs. R. Roome; Treasurer,

Mrs. G. F. Windchester; Ed. Secretary, Mrs. Mahon.

The Annual meeting will be held on the third February, and our belated Every Member Canvass on February 10.

### BARRHEAD, GLENREACH, BELVEDERE, LAC LA NONNE, SION, FAWN LAKE

The Rev. L. S. Thurston

Christmas Services were fairly well attended and we are now into the New Year. The main service was the Carol Service the Sunday evening before Christmas. St. Mary's Church in Barrhead was decorated with Christmas trees, candles, etc. for the occasion. At the Carol Service the J. A. girls sang several selections. At the J. A. meeting the week before the girls decorated the many small Christmas trees which were used in the church and after the service these were distributed to patients in the hospital. A midnight service was held on Christmas Eve, the first time in several years and this was fairly well attended.

The annual meeting of the W.A. was held in the parish hall on Monday afternoon, January 7. The election of officers for 1957 took place and those elected were: President, Mrs. Staniland; Vice-President, Mrs. Yetts; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Ewart; Little Helper's Secretary, Mrs. Harris Jr.; Thank-offering Secretary, Mrs. C. Pickrell; Dorcas Secretary, and Sewing Convenor, Mrs. B. Hansen, J. A. Leader and Mrs. Ewart.

Plans are being made to hold a Pot Luck Supper in St. Mary's Parish Hall on Wednesday, January 30. This is to be a congregational effort.

The time of the Sunday School has been changed from 10 a.m. Saturday to 2 p.m. on Saturdays.

On Monday, January 14 an organizational meeting was held in the vicarage at which time a Young Women's Guild was formed in St. Mary's Church. Officers elected were: President, Mrs. C. C. Robinson; Vice-President, Mrs. Holland; Secretary, Mrs. Thurston; Treasurer, Mrs. Penrice; Social Convenors, Mrs. Wood and Mrs. R. Lawrence. The meeting will be held the first Wednesday evening of each month in the various member's homes. This group will form the nucleus of an altar guild.

Card parties are being held regularly in the parish hall once a month and it is hoped to show the National Film Board films after evening service once a month. Barrhead now has its own film library.

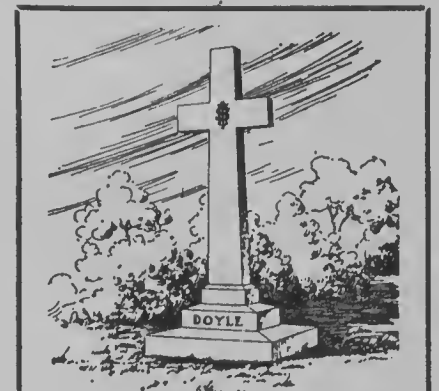
Baptisms: William George Breadon, Calvin Lane Young, Fawn Lake.

Funerals: Mrs. Elizabeth MacGregor, Glenreagh.

### ST. PHILIP'S, WESTLOCK

The Rev. R. A. Sayer

With the return of the cold weather, it is hard to remember that Christmas was almost a green one this year. No chances however, were taken Christmas Eve since we were determined that the Vicar would be here at midnight. And so it was that the Vicar's Warden undertook to transport the Vicar, Organist and Altar Boy to Alcomdale, getting them



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safely back to Westlock for the Mid-night Eucharist. The outdoor Crib was set up and lighted the week before, and the Altar Guild outdid themselves to make our Church as beautiful as possible. No artificial decorations are allowed to mar the beauty of spruce, cedar and holly in their natural state. Near the organ the Crib was arranged on a table so all could see.

The service was reverently and beautifully conducted, for the most part by candlelight. This is a long standing tradition at St. Philip's, and in any case we love candles in this Parish. Following the Blessing, the Christ Child was placed in the Crib which was then blessed.

Christmas day there were two services, one for adults and one for children. The children had been told to bring their favourite toy with them. Following Crib devotions all the children were blessed and sent on their way to enjoy the day in their own special ways.

The Sunday after Christmas, while the Vicar was administering Christmas Communion in Mayerthorpe and Sangudo, we had the Festival of Carols and Lessons. Lessons were read by Adrian Kroll, Tence Raymont and Ronald Parker. The balance of the service was conducted by our good friend Chuck Bell who is now looking after the Mayerthorpe Mission. We were very happy to have him back with us at St. Philip's.

On the Feast of the Epiphany, those who had not made their Christmas Communions earlier were able to do so. And during that week, our Ukrainian Greek Orthodox friends used the Church several times as they observed Christmas according to their calendar.

#### ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI, HINTON

Fr. G. A. Robinson, Obl. I. W.

The new parish of Hinton chose for itself the dedication of "St. Francis of Assisi" at its December meeting. Several names were suggested: Christ the King, the Good Shepherd, St. Hugh, All Saints, etc., but in the end the influence of our Sunday School teachers (influenced in their turn by G.B.R.E. lessons) won the day for St. Francis. It is very pleasing to have such a dedication, because we are the only church in the diocese with

such a name, and because we have a saint who has a known history.

St. Francis held its first annual general meeting on Thursday, January 17 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Easley. The vicar asked Mr. Dexter Champion to be his warden, and the people elected Mr. A. T. Easley as their warden. Members of vestry were elected and delegates to synod.

The Christmas Eucharist was held at Entrance in the community hall with a full attendance. Despite the vicar's information that he had never had any trouble on the hills into Entrance, several of the Hinton folk managed to have a little difficulty—vicar's apologies!

It is planned to hold our vestry meetings on the third Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. This will be followed by a congregational 'get-together' each time. The February meeting is to be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. Crossley.

Through the kindness of Mr. Rubens of the Athabaska Valley Development Company, we have a choice of property on which to build our new church and hope to begin this work in the spring. Entrance

Entrance has become a part of the new parish of St. Francis, but Eucharist is celebrated on the second and fourth Sundays as usual. At our next time of service we will be choosing our delegate from Entrance to synod.

#### CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ST. GEORGE, JASPER

Fr. G. A. Robinson, Obl. I. W.

A special meeting of the vestry was called by Father Robinson on December 16. The Vicar explained that, in his opinion, the time had now come when the vestry must decide to install a new heating system in the church. The old steam plant, even with the improvements made on it in the last few years, was no longer adequate. The wardens and vestry were in complete agreement with the vicar. A letter asking for permission to borrow the necessary funds for this work was sent to the synod executive. (Permission has since been granted.) Tenders will be called for.

On December 17, the boys of St. Mary's choir sang carols at the Home

and School meeting. In spite of the fact that the boys had just come from a Wolf Cub party at which they had helped dispose of eight chocolate cakes and sixty dixie cups, they gave a very creditable performance. Fr. Robinson gave an address on 'the true meaning of Christmas.'

The Midnight Eucharist was a very beautiful service this year. "The playing of the merry organ and sweet singing in the choir" added greatly to the joy of the celebration. The new sanctuary rug made by Mrs. L. Chapman, the glowing evergreens, and the candlelit manger were all "outward and visible" signs of our joy in the birth of the Christ-Child; while in our hearts breathed a deep sense of gratitude for the Babe of Bethlehem. The Christmas morning Eucharist was held at 11 a.m. and was well attended.

This year, it was decided to hold a Parish Family Supper (pot-luck style) instead of having the usual children's concert and party. The number of families who attended this 'get-together' was very encouraging. Mrs. Roy Fisher was the able convenor, assisted by the vestry. Following the supper, the children were given small gifts by the vicar. This was made possible by the generosity of the Parish Guild, the E.B.W.A., and the vestry.

The girls of the J. A., with their leader, Mrs. M. L. Peterson, held a Christmas party. As a handiwork project the girls made Christmas corsages.

St. Mary's Guild met at the home of Mrs. M. E. Clark on January 9. The following officers were elected to office: President, Mrs. M. E. Clark; Vice-President, Mrs. J. Stock; Secretary, Mrs. L. Lanigan; Treasurer, Miss M. Millar.

St. Mary's Altar Guild held their first meeting of 1957 at the vicarage on January 12. The vicar appointed Mrs. N. Atkinson as directress. The following officers were elected: Sub-Directress, Mrs. E. Huget; Secretary, Mrs. N. Davidson; Treasurer, Miss G. Church. The Altar Guild is not a money raising organization, but in order to carry out its duties, a tea will be held at the Astoria Hotel. From the proceeds of this tea, it is hoped to purchase material for a new green altar frontal and cottas for the servers.

The girls of the G. A. met at the home of their leader, Mrs. F. F. Crowther and elected their officers for 1957. President, Miss Judy Prowse; Secretary-Treasurer, Miss Lois Fisher. The study the group will undertake this year will be 'the Diocese.'

The regular meeting of the vestry was held in the vicarage on January 7. At this meeting, it was decided to hold the Annual Parish Meeting, Sunday, January 20 following Evensong. A nominating committee was formed for the purpose of drawing up a proposed slate of officers for the 1957 vestry, the list of names to be placed on the notice board in the church.

## Rural Deanery of Vermilion

ST. SAVIOUR'S, VERMILION  
CHRISTCHURCH, KING EDWARD  
ALL SAINTS, PLEASANT VALLEY  
ST PAUL'S, ISLAY; BASSWOOD

The Rev. K. A. Minchin

Following the Christmas Season, during which the special services at all points were well attended, the various Church organizations have become fully active with their arrangements for the new year. Annual meetings have been held in most cases. The Men's Club started the ball rolling with the usual monthly supper meeting. Following what seems to have been a gargantuan meal of steaks and chips, the meeting rapidly dealt with the election of officers for 1957 and then relaxed to listen to a most interesting account of pioneering in this part of Alberta at the turn of the century. The talk was given by Hugh Evans and was very much appreciated.

Both the Happy Hour and Afternoon Groups of the W. A. have held annual meetings. The Senior Group's Whist Drives take place regularly, and plans for other activities are well in hand. These W. A. Groups are to be heartily congratulated on the wonderful work they have done during 1956 for the benefit of the whole Parish. What should we do without the ladies?

During the week beginning January 7, Prayer Week, a series of interdenominational services was held in the Protestant Churches in Vermilion. The attendances were good in spite of adverse weather conditions.

A fresh series of Confirmation Classes is now under way, both for children and adults. We are looking forward to a visit from our Bishop at the end of March when he will be conducting a service of Confirmation.

A pot-luck supper which will be followed by the Annual Congregational Meeting is planned for January 28 when we hope to see all parishioners from the various points in the parish. This event is always well attended, and a report on

In 1956, the St. Mary's Guild ran the refreshment booth at the curling rink. This meant that a great deal of work was done by a few members of the congregation and was a great credit to them. This year, under the direction of the vestry, the work at the curling rink will be done by all the members of the parish.

On Monday, January 14, the E.B.W.A. held their annual meeting at the vicarage. Only slight changes were made in the executive. The W. A. had such a successful year in 1956 that the members felt it was a 'must' to see that we had the same executive to carry on the good work.

it will appear in the next edition of the Edmonton Churchman.

With the arrival of the New Year, we are reminded that subscriptions for the Edmonton Churchman are now payable. Do please slip your 75 cents into an envelope, bearing your name, and place the envelope on the offertory plate or give it to one of the Wardens.

We are very happy to know that Marwayne has achieved the building of their new church and we pass our congratulations from this parish to the Rev. A. Potter and his parishioners. We hear that the Service of Consecration was coupled with a Service of Confirmation; a very happy combination indeed.

### CHRIST CHURCH, MANNVILLE

The Rev. C. C. MacPherson

We now have a morning service every two weeks. The other services are held in the evening. Sunday School is held every Sunday in the basement of the church. We were again pleased to welcome our Bishop on January 13, when three baptisms were held — Brian Douglas Clark, Robert John Allen and Miriam Cindy MacPherson. This was also the occasion of the confirmation of Kenneth and John Blackburn and Arlene Cotter (Chailey); Mr. and Mrs. Dudley Staden; Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Hinton; Mrs. Allan Emmot, Frank Renspies; Barbara and Judy Hinton and Shirley Hinton (Salteaux) and Mrs. Patricia Kreller of Mannville; Katharine Emmott (Salteaux); Ruth Hughes and Janet Pesblivets.

As always his Lordship gave an interesting and inspiring talk. After the service the Happy Hour W. A., assisted by the Senior group served a delicious lunch in the basement of the church.

The annual meeting of Christ Church W. A. was held at the home of Mrs. C. W. Hamilton with very good attendance. There were two visitors. A letter was read from the Prayer Partner, Mrs. E. Lugg read a chapter from the Study Book and also the Sixth Missionary Bulletin.

Old Christmas cards will be brought to the next meeting and sent to the Charles Camusell Hospital as well as scrap books. More material for the Junior Choir is to be purchased. The annual reports were read followed by the election of officers. The same officers as last year were re-elected, namely:

President, Mrs. R. Whitson; First Vice President, Mrs. J. I. Jones; Second Vice President, Mrs. C. Hamilton; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. A. E. Williams; Dorcas Secretary, Mrs. A. Rutherford; Educational Secretary, Mrs. E. Lugg; E. C. D. Secretary, Mrs. G. Jackson; U. T. O. Secretary, Mrs. C. Manz; Prayer Partner, Mrs. C. Hamilton; Sick and Visiting Committee, Mrs. E. B. Allen, Mrs. Rutherford, Mrs. J. I. Jones, Mrs. Hamilton, Mrs. E. A. Mereer.

A delicious lunch was served by the hostess.

The Happy Hour W. A. held its first meeting of the New Year at the Vicarage with Mrs. MacPherson and Mrs. Malin as hostess. Mrs. Edith Pedersen offered her services as Thank Offering Secretary. A special prayer was said for Jaon Lugg who has undergone a serious operation and at time of writing is very ill in the Misericordia Hospital.

Plans were made to hold a telephone whist and bridge party. Six hostesses offered their homes each with a helper. This was the monthly project and proved very successful. It is the hope this is only the first of many. These parties make it possible to share a wonderful fellowship in each others homes. Lunch was arranged for the Sunday after the Confirmation and Baptism service. This group was pleased to welcome three new members — Naney Coford, Mrs. Mabel Otto and Mrs. Bertha Schock. The usual social time was spent when coffee and sandwiches were served.

The sympathy of the parish is extended to Mrs. M. Thomas on the death of her husband. He was the first to be buried from the new church. Rev. MacPherson

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took the service and interment was in the Mannville Cemetery. Mr. Thomas was a true churchman and will be greatly missed, both in Mannville and Chailey, where one of his daughters and wife attend church.

Once again it is time to think of our subscription to the Churchman. Only 75 cents a year.

### CHAILEY

The Rev. C. C. MacPherson

Church has been held regularly every two weeks without any postponements.

We had a Carol Service and Holy Communion Service on December 23 with a good congregation. Evensong was on December 6. There will be Evensong on January 20 in the afternoon, and the Annual Congregational Meeting will be held January 22.

Chailey extends deepest sympathy to the Thomas family in the death of Mr. Harry Thomas Sr., who passed away on December 31 after being in poor health for a number of years. Mr. Thomas was in his eighties and has been a devout churchman for most of his life. Since coming to Canada in 1905 he has belonged to Chailey parish, but has lived in Mannville for a few periods during this time. He was buried in Mannville.

The January meeting of the W. A. was held at the home of Mrs. W. R. Cornish on January 3. There being only four members present with more visitors, the annual meeting part was postponed until the February meeting, when we hope there will be more present. A gift of money was to be given to Rev. and Mrs. MacPherson's baby.

On December 29 our members met at the home of Mrs. Norman who has recently moved from Chailey to Mannville and presented her with a bed lamp. We are sorry she will no longer be able to be a member in our W. A. A gift of a flower vase was also presented to Mrs. R. H. Scott who moved to Mannville from our district last March, but we are glad to say Mrs. Scott was able to continue to be a member since moving. We sincerely hope that she will continue to belong to our branch.

### ST. JOHN'S, KITSCOTY

The Rev. Andrew E. Potter

December was a month of beautiful and meaningful services. Mr. Potter led us through the Advent season with a series of sermons helpful in preparing us for the Christmas season itself. Then came the Carol service and finally the Holy Communion on Christmas morning. The joy and wonderment of Christ's birth was felt once more. Even the smaller children at Sunday School seemed to feel the importance of Christmas as Christ's birthday.

The windows and the door of the church building are now finished, giving greater comfort to those attending services. Four new pews have been ordered and should be here this coming week. They are being bought by Mrs. Apperson, Mr. Stokes, Mr. and Mrs. Govier and the son and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. Seabrook and their families. We would like to mention here that we have much appreciated the use of the pews from St. Mark's in Blackfoot.

We are looking forward to the visit from Bishop Clark on Sunday, January 20, when there will be a Confirmation service at 9 a.m.

Congratulations to our rector and his bride-to-be, Miss Beth Tyler, who were engaged early in December. We wish them great joy and happiness now and in their future together.

We miss seeing Mrs. Eddy and Mrs. Jack Potter, both of whom are away for the winter months.

Mrs. Keil has been hospitalized and although back home she is still not well. Mrs. Apperson had the misfortune to fall and break a rib. We hope and pray that these sick and injured will soon be with us in person.

The thermostat has been installed and should add further to the comfort of the church.

### HOLY TRINITY, GOLDEN VALLEY

The Rev. A. Potter

The annual congregational meeting was held at the home of Fred Watts on January 11. Although the weather was cold, a successful meeting was held. Officers for 1957 are as follows: Rector's Warden, Harry Jones; People's Warden, Fred Watts; Members of the Vestry, Tom Watt, Ivan Lee, Tom Evans, Desmond Evans, Mrs. Glover, Mrs. Kenyon; Lay delegate to Synod, Tom Watt; Alternate delegate, Desmond Evans; Churchman Correspondent, Mrs. Kenyan.

Appreciation was expressed by the Rev. Potter for the work of Ivan Lee as Rector's Warden last year. The congregation also appreciate the new church sign board erected by Harry Jones last summer.

An effort is to be made to start Sunday School classes at the church.

### VEGREVILLE, VIKING

Since our last appearance in these pages we have all celebrated once again the birth of the Christ Child. The services in all the points of the parish were well attended. Now we turn our minds and efforts to the work for the coming year.

The W. A. had their annual meeting at which the following slate of officers was elected: Mrs. T. Heath, President; Mrs. E. Matthews, Secretary; Mrs. J.

Nicholson, Vice-President; Mrs. J. Nichols, Treasurer; Mrs. C. Lowes, Dorcas; Mrs. G. Bell, Little Helpers; Mrs. Lindsay, Sunshine Secretary; Mrs. A. Heron, Education.

We are now in the throws of preparing for our annual meeting if cold weather, bad roads and 'flu bugs keep away we should have a good turn out for the supper meeting.

A memorial fund for Mrs. R. Dunn has been opened, contributions are still being received, the form which the memorial will take has still not been finally decided upon but it is hoped that we will have enough money to replace our rather shabby eucharistic vestments.

### Brosseau

We have sold a house and bought a school, such is the news from the Brosseau district. Our new acquisition will be much more suitable for a church building. It is our prayer and wish that our new building will retain some of its past identity and become for the district a school of prayer.

### Viking

Will we or won't we, that is the question of the hour at this end of the mission. The will or won't is in regard to our acquiring a house for the parish priest. We are planning a pot luck supper so that the whole parish may meet Canon Teape and important decisions regarding finances and the house may be made. Pray for us that a right decision may be made and the faithful of this parish may fearlessly shoulder their responsibilities.

The first meeting of the parish council for the whole of the mission has been called for the middle of January. We aren't expecting any earth shaking decisions, but we do wish this important part of our parish machinery, all God's blessing.

The delegates to the council are, Mr. H. Childs and Mr. W. Mattison, representing Viking; Mr. A. James and Mr. C. Warren for Vegreville; Mr. J. Bray, for Soda Lake; Mr. G. Emes, representing Brosseau and Mr. F. Nash for Rodino.

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## Rural Deanery of Wainwright

### ST. THOMAS', WAINWRIGHT

The Rev. J. R. Flagler

The Annual Parish Supper and election of officers was held Monday, January 14, 1957. The W. A. served a grand meal of turkey and ham, potatoes and corn, followed by pies of every description. Approximately 50 members attended including Padre Gordon Mercer and his wife, from Camp Wainwright and several of the Irma parishioners. Indeed it was a most successful annual meeting.

In his report the Rev. John Flagler detailed events since his arrival here in Wainwright last spring. He stated how happy he was to be here with his family and how pleased he was with the rectory, paying special tribute to Mr. George Sobine who has been such a help in many ways, especially in repairing the fence and doing other odd jobs around the rectory.

A delightful tribute was also paid to one of our older faithful attendants, Mrs. E. F. Seabrooke, head of the Altar Guild and also of the Little Helpers Group; who has been untiring in her devotion to the church.

He thanked the various organizations for their co-operation and assistance during the past year.

Rector's Warden W. H. R. Gardiner then gave his report stating what a good financial state the parish was in, but he did not know for how long, as the building program would soon be getting under way and it would be necessary to raise funds for the proposed extension. During the year fire insurance had been increased and public liability had also been added. He praised the rector for the fine work he had done since coming to Wainwright.

People's Warden Mr. O. Griffiths gave his financial report, which showed the parish was steadily going ahead, and all expenses had been met during the year. He especially thanked the W. A. for their generous help during the year in helping the Vestry meet their apportionment.

Reports were then given by the different organizations. A special vote of thanks and praise was paid to the choir which is under the splendid direction of Dr. J. E. Bradley and Mr. J. C. Ford. Thanks were also extended to the organist, Mr. O. Griffiths who is another devoted member of our congregation. Our Lay Reader, Mr. W. E. Riome was thanked for his fine work during the year.

Rector's Warden N. H. R. Gardiner then gave a brief resume of the need of building a new Bell Tower and extending the church. A motion was passed empowering the Vestry to borrow the necessary \$5,000 as needed in order to proceed with the construction.

The following members are the new slate of officers for the ensuing year:

Rector's Warden, N. H. R. Gardiner; People's Warden, O. Griffiths; Vestry, W. E. Riome, A. Wilson, T. Cuthbertson, J. Humphries, T. Hutchinson, B. Labatchiuls, L. Basso, G. Sabine, Miss N. Tidy, Miss E. Bacon, Mrs. F. E. McLeod, Col. N. M. Gemmell (honorary) and Padre G. Mercer (honorary).

The W. A. annual meeting was held in the parish hall January 8, 1957 with 36 paid up members. New slate of officers are: Honorary President, Mrs. J. Flagler; President, Miss E. Bacon; First Vice-President, Mrs. J. Middlemass, Second Vice-President, Mrs. T. Hutchinson; Secretary, Mrs. P. Semotiuk; Treasurer, Mrs. H. Karr; Educational Secretary, Mrs. O. Griffiths; Little Helpers, Mrs. E. F. Seabrooke; Living Message, Mrs. C. Wear; Dorcas and Social Service, Mrs. A. Taylor; J. A., Mrs. D. Sutherland; G. A., Mrs. K. Fenley; U. T. O. and E. C. D., Mrs. T. Hutchinson; Prayer Partner, Mrs. F. E. McLeod; Visiting Committee, Mrs. McNern and Mrs. McQuarrie.

During the year 310 visits were made to hospitals and shut-ins, an extremely good record.

Over \$700 was spent on the parish hall including purchase of new stove for the kitchen; also new dishes, cupboards, etc.

Fifty dollars was donated to the J. A. and G. A. groups which the W. A. sponsor. Receipts from their bake sales, dinners and bazaars were very rewarding and they are to be congratulated.

The Christmas Eve service was well attended and enjoyed by the congregation.

### ST. MARY'S, IRMA

The Rev. John R. Flagler

A pleasant and successful congregational meeting was held on January 10 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. Thurston. The Rev. John R. Flagler, acting as chairman told of his satisfaction at having become rector in March of 1956 and spoke of his appreciation of the good will and friendliness that had been extended to him and his family.

There were delightful reminiscences about the history of this interesting parish and Mr. Flagler asked that many of these be documented so that they later be placed in a permanent record.

Due to the capable advice of Mr. N. Blades with respect to possibilities of natural gas heating for the church, it was moved by the meeting that the present worn out stove be replaced by a gas stove. Action to take place on this in the spring.

The rector appointed Mr. F. Holt, of Battle Heights, as his warden. In a spirited election for the office of People's Warden, Mr. N. Blades was appointed to the office by the congregation. Praise for a long service of 28 years in office

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was extended to Mr. F. Thurston, retiring People's Warden. Mr. N. Blades also elected as lay delegate to Synod.

Mr. Ronald Thurston will fill the position of treasurer, and Mr. Ted Thurston that of secretary. An interesting report was heard from the Women's Auxiliary as presented by Mrs. Coulman.

It was decided to begin a Sunday School conducted by the rector on one Sunday a month after the service. A vote of thanks was tendered the organist Mrs. Miller and to Mrs. R. Thurston for providing a delicious luncheon to the members after the meeting had adjourned.

The W. A. of St. Mary's held their annual meeting at the home of Mrs. Blades.

Reports showed we had a very successful year with all obligations being met, and we are grateful to everyone who has helped us in any way.

The following officers were elected for 1957: Mrs. F. Thurston, President; Mrs. Olive Murray, Vice President; Mrs. Coulman, Secretary Treasurer; Mrs. Blades, Dorcas Secretary; Mrs. R. W. Thurston, U. T. O. and E. C. D. Secretary; Mrs. R. W. Thurston, Little Helpers Secretary; Mrs. Meakins, Prayer Partner Secretary; Mrs. Olive Murray, Education Secretary.

### ST. MARY'S, THE VIRGIN, EDGERTON

Christmas has come and gone, but the glory and beauty of the Christmas Service and Carol singing still remain with us in our hearts.

Looking back over the year which has passed, we have much reason to thank God for the progress we have been able to make, and much cause for confidence in the future.

At present we are without a minister, as the Rev. Burdon has left (we are sorry to report) for his new post at Pincher Creek. We all wish Mr. Burdon the very best and hope he and Glory and the children will be very happy in their new mission.

The evening of his last service, the congregation gathered at the home of Mrs. Kingston, to bid farewell to Rev. and Mrs. Burdon, and to wish them happiness for the future.

A purse of money was presented to them by Mr. Harkness, who conveyed to them the feelings of their many friends, and to say how sorry we are to see them go from our Diocese.

The annual meeting of St. Mary's W. A. of Edgerton was held at the home of Mrs. G. Woodbridge on January 9 with ten members answering the roll call.

The Secretary-Treasurer read the financial statement and reported a fairly good year.

We held a very successful rummage sale, and sale of home cooking, in the fall, and we were quite pleased with the

results. We were able to buy new curtaining for the back of the altar, which we badly needed.

After winding up the old year's business, Mrs. Tramner occupied the chair and declared the meeting open for the election of officers. The following were elected: President, Mrs. Dudley Sawyer; Vice-President, Mrs. T. N. Withnell; Secretary, Mrs. George Sawyer; Treasurer, Mrs. G. Kingston; Dorcas, Mrs. Jim Strayer; P. P. Secretary, Mrs. D. Tramner; Sick Committee, Mrs. R. Reed and Mrs. Alex Calvert.

In the absence of the new president, the vice president, Mrs. Withnell took the chair and the business of the new year got underway.

The minutes of the last annual meeting were read and duly adopted.

The Missionary Bulletin was read and enjoyed very much. We look forward to these bulletins, as they are very interesting.

Mrs. Dave Tramner, our new life member was chosen as delegate to the Diocesan Annual. Mrs. T. N. Withnell, in the capacity of Deanery President, will also attend.

The meeting came to a close with the Lord's Prayer. A light lunch was served by the hostess.

We were pleased to have our beloved Bishop Clark with us on Friday, December 14 and we had a very busy evening prepared for him.

First there was Confirmation, in which fourteen candidates were presented to the Bishop, two men and twelve girls. They were as follows: Inis Sawyers, Jim Christenson, Diane Miles, Sharon McKay, Lorna Soucy, Judy Soucy, Margory Wilson, Mildred Calvert, Beverly Harkness, Mrs. Bob Doolittle, Mrs. Jim Withnell,

Mrs. Len Burton, Mrs. J. Jensen, Mrs. Milford Rusnell.

It was the first time some of the candidates had met the Bishop and they were very much impressed with the wonderful talk he gave them.

Next came the dedication of the new altar, which was presented to St. Mary's by Mrs. G. Kingston and her two daughters, Lois and Jean, in memory of Mr. Kingston.

The new lights, which were presented to the church by Mrs. Jeanette Gordon in memory of her husband Mr. Donald Gordon, were also dedicated.

The altar and lights have made a wonderful improvement to our church and these ladies are to be congratulated on their good taste.

Congratulations also go to the ladies who made the curtains, Mrs. Kingston, Mrs. Darling and Mrs. Reed. They certainly show the altar to advantage.

And lastly came the very impressive little ceremony, when Mrs. Dave Tramner was made a life member in the W. A. This honor was bestowed upon Mrs. Tramner by the members of St. Mary's W. A. for the long years of faithful service she has given to the W. A. and we hope she will be able to serve for many, many more years.

This is just our second life member, as Mrs. Annie Sawyer had the honor last year, but we hope in future to be able to present many more life memberships to some of our long and faithful workers.

We were very grateful to Mr. Flagler for coming down to Edgerton for evening service on Sunday, January 13. We enjoyed his visit very much. We had a fairly good turnout, and we hope the congregation will continue to come out in large numbers, to show our appreciation for what these visiting clergy are doing for us.

## Rural Deanery of Wetaskiwin

### ST. MARY'S

The Rev. J. Beairsto

Christmas was celebrated at St. Mary's with a Choral service of Holy Communion at 11:30 p.m. Christmas Eve. Christmas day there were celebrations at 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. The Mid-night service was by far the most popular with an attendance of over 80 people.

On Sunday Dec. 30th the annual Carol Service was held at St. Mary's. Lessons were read by Mr. W. J. Young, Dr. David Phillips, Mr. Noel Phillips and the Vicar. The attendance at the evening service was good. The Choir, under the leadership of Mrs. James Butterfield sang with their usual good form in spite of the fact that our electrical organ was out of commission and we had to fall back on "Old Faithful".

Friday January 4th the Evening Group of the W.A. held their annual "Pot-luck" supper at the O.T. Building, P.M.H.

Hostesses for the supper were Miss Gladys Cryslar and Miss Edith Kemp. Following the very delicious supper the regular January meeting of the group was held. Current business was quickly dispensed with and the Vicar was asked to take the chair for the annual election of officers. The following people were elected to office: Hon. President, Mrs. J. Beairsto; President, Mrs. E. Severance; Vice-President, Miss E. Kemp; Corresponding Sect., Mrs. J. Kerns; Recording Sect., Mrs. Wm. Earl; Treasurer, Miss G. Cryslar; Dorcas, Mrs. D. Eastwood; Card Sect., Mrs. P. Wilkins; Prayer Partner, Mrs. G. B. Wilders; Sick Committee, Mrs. C. Mateejka; G.A. Leaders, Mrs. G. Galbraith, and Mrs. D. Campbell; Little Helpers, Mrs. D. Eastwood; Vestry Representative, Mrs. C. Knudsen.

The Afternoon Group of the W.A. held their January meeting Tue. Jan. 8th in the Parish Hall. Mrs. J. C. Smith was absent due to illness and the Vice Pres-



ident Mrs. E. Noden, presided at the meeting and also gave an educational reading from the book, "East from Burma". The Secretary, Mrs. Mathias, read a missionary bulletin containing news from the Yukon. Plans were made to serve lunch at the annual Parish Meeting January 31, and Mrs. C. Malcher and Mrs. J. E. Northcott, were appointed to act on this committee. Reports were given by Mrs. M. Rees, Treasurer; Mrs. J. E. Northcott, Visiting committee; and Mrs. F. Sissons, Hospital Auxiliary representative. Money was voted to pay for 25 new prayer books for the Church and also to assist the vestry in the purchase of a new Gestetner. Lunch was served following the meeting.

#### ST. GEORGE'S, KILLAM

The Rev. D. F. Moore

The January Meeting of St. George's W.A. was held at the home of Mr. Lackey, with ten members answering the Roll Call.

The January Missionary Bulletin was read, also letters of thanks for donations, and gifts received. Mrs. Robson volunteered, and was appointed delegate, to attend the Cemetery Committee Meetings.

The members decided to have the Annual Church Supper, sometime in February.

Rev. Moore spoke a few words, before closing the meeting with prayer. Refreshment were served by Mrs. Palmer and Mrs. H. Brodie, assisted by Mrs. Lackey.

The February meeting, is to be held at the home of Mrs. Smith.

#### IMMANUEL, WETASKIWIN

The Rev. W. R. Greatrex

The joyful days of Christmas are past and we are in the season of Epiphany. The Men's Club January session heard the Rev. Harold Macdonald who spoke on "Our Church in the Crisis of the Reformation."

The Junior Choir had grown by leaps and bounds and now lead the singing regularly at the 11:30 a.m. service.

**Baptisms:** Robin Gail Hanley, Wendy Jane Hubart.

What fun it is for both the organist and the choir-master at the choir practices, with all the enthusiasm of the boys and girls.

#### ST ANDREW'S, CAMROSE

The Rev. A. G. Hooper

The many hours spent and the patience of the Altar Guild were rewarded by the splendor of the decorations in the Church during the Christmas season. The ladies are certainly to be commended on their work.

On December 27 the children of the Sunday School held their annual Christ-

mas party in the Parish Hall. The kiddies enjoyed several films after which the Junior Choir sang several Christmas carols and several members of the Sunday School gave recitals and sang their songs. After a serving of drinks and cookies to the kiddies and tea to the ladies and gentlemen present, boxes of treats were handed out from under the Christmas tree, much to the delight of the young ones, who then trudged home a bit tired but very happy.

At Evensong on December 30, the Parish enjoyed the Senior Choir, together with the Junior, in the singing of the traditional Christmas carols.

Rev. and Mrs. Hooper were very hospitable hosts on one day during the Christmas season when they held open house, in between services, to the members and their families of the Parish. The congregation welcomed this opportunity in meeting and extending the seasons greetings to our Rector, his wife and their new young son, Gregory.

The various groups of the Church have started the new year with their first meetings and installation of new officers.

The members of the G. A. went up to Rosehaven and sang Christmas carols, which were certainly enjoyed by the residents there. The G. A. girls have been working hard on their Social Service badge and Chevron, and have had their test. They have now started in on their new project. The Churchman Chevron.

#### ST. DUNSTON'S, BITTERN LAKE

The Rev. A. G. Hooper

The nine o'clock service Christmas Day was quite well attended, and we appreciate having a service at this hour.

A jolly Christmas party for the Church School was held at the home of Mrs. H. Ramsell, December 28.

The W. A. Annual Meeting was held January 10 at Mrs. H. Ramsell's.

Satisfactory reports were presented and the officers for 1957 elected. These are as follows: President, Mrs. Butcher; Vice-President, Mrs. A. J. Martin; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. C. T. C. Roper; Dorcas Secretary, Mrs. M. Saluk; Educational Secretary, Mrs. Owen; Prayer-Partner Secretary, Mrs. F. G. Baker.

Under the auspices of the W. A. we enjoyed a visit from Mr. Don Clayton, of Edmonton, when he showed pictures and gave a commentary on his visit to Australia.

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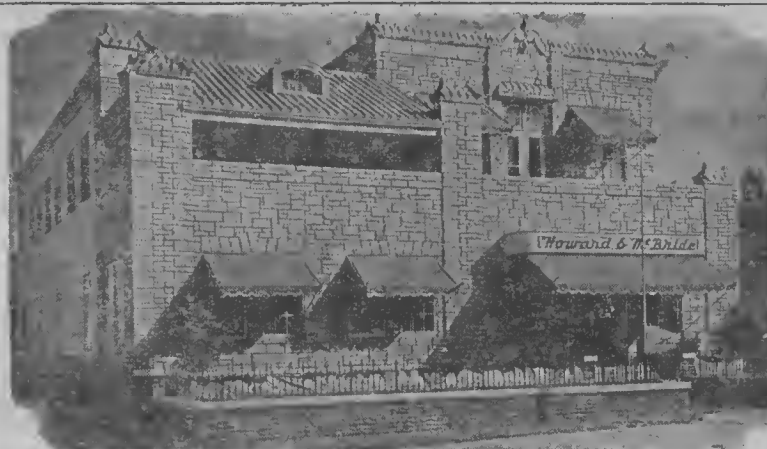
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